THERE IS CLAIMED:

- 1. An attitude control system for a geostationary satellite including elongate members such as solar generators and/or antennas, in particular deployable members, which system includes gyroscopic actuators for supplying the torque necessary for maintaining the attitude of said satellite when subjected to disturbing forces or torques.
- 2. The system claimed in claim 1 wherein said gyroscopic actuators are adapted to maintain a setpoint attitude during orbit correction phases.
- The system claimed in claim 2 wherein said gyroscopic actuators are adapted to control the attitude during a phase of insertion into a geostationary orbit.
- 4. The system claimed in claim 1, further including an attitude regulation loop including a corrector such that the bandwidth of said loop contains the lowest and most energetic frequencies of the flexible modes of said elongate members.
- 5. The system claimed in claim 4 wherein said corrector of said loop is of the proportional, integral, derivative type and is associated with an attenuation filter.
- 6. The system claimed in claim 4 wherein said corrector of said loop is synthesized by means of advanced system control methods such as the H∞ and Linear Matrix Inequality methods.